

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 453 - SB 478

March 26, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the administrator of elections, by April 1, to annually submit to the county legislative body, or an official or committee designated by the county legislative body to receive the budget, an itemized statement of operating funds required for the year. Denies the county legislative body the authority to revise or restrict the submitted budget. Authorizes a county election commission to petition the chancery court to compel the appropriation of funds in the event the county legislative body fails to appropriate sufficient funds. Places the burden on the county to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the funds requested were unreasonable and assesses the county election commission's legal expenses to the county as part of the election commission's operating expenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$25,000

Assumptions:

- According to the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), a fiscal impact is expected due to the restrictions placed on the county legislative body.
- County legislative bodies will accept increased appropriations for county election commissions to avoid the legal expenses associated with a petition to chancery court.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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